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from the bursting of iron camon. and the disastrone consequences that may result therefrom, it is important that the adopted models should be the best calculated for strenth, and that none but the best material should be used in, and the best processes applied to their fabrication. Experiments to ascertain the best model have been instituted and carried on with satisfactory results. They are still in progress, with special reference to a class of canon of heavier callbre, for the more complete determination of the best method of distributing the given weight of metal throughout the different parts of the sannon so as to obtain the greatest strength. To sense effectually the best material and mode of fabrication will require the establishment of a national foundry, and I again urge this important measure and repeat the resommendation, so often heretofore made, for the requisite legislation to effect it.

The subject of rille cannon and projectiles has received much attention, and careful experiments have been instituted to test a variety of such contrivances. It is not deemed advisable to proceed to the manufacture of such sannon, beyond those required for experimental purposes, and if full and fair trials shall have demonstrated practically which of the various inventions possesses most advantages, or whether a combination of the advantages peculiar to several of them may not furnish the best government model.

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New patterns of horse equipments for all the mounted trougs have been adopted, and their manufacture has been commenced to the extent permitted by the appropriation applicable thereto. It is, newever, insufficient to meet the wants of the service in this respect, in consequence of its reduction below the estimate. The new pattern was adopted after careful consideration of the views on the subject of experienced officers of the mounted services, taken in connection with the question of the greatest-conomy compatible with fitness for that service. The operations at the national armories and the argenals, in the manufacture of small arms and other supplies pertaining to this branch of the War Department, are stated in detail in the accompanying report of the Colonel of Ordance.

I desire to call attention to the existing law for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, which was passed in 1808. The prevision then made for the purpose remains the same at this day, and is insufficient for its effectual accomplishment. This is evinced by frequent requisitions and urgent applications from States and Territories for advances of arms and equipments beyond their regular quotas.

BERECH-LOADING ARMS.

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Under the appropriations heretofore made by Congress to encourage experiments in broach loading arms very important results have been arrived at. The ingenuity and invention displayed upon the subject are truly surprising, and it is risking little to say that the arm has been mearly, if not entirely, perfected by several of these plans. These arms commend themselves very strongly for their great range and accuracy of fire at long datanoes, for the tapidity with which they can be fired; and their exemption from injury by exposure to long constitued rains. With the bast breach-loading arm, one skilful man would be equal to the probably three, armed with the ordinary muzzleitable of the continuation of the statement of the public arsenals.

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and of such extent as to give an aggregate armament of sufficient power.

My sentiments are likewise unchanged in regard to the propriety of making some provision to secure our seatons, the statistic some provision to secure our seatons, and seek to attain them by routes not cammanded by the channel forts. I regard the statistics of the combined maxal and military operations of the French in the recent Italian war as indications of the correctness of my estimate of our danger from such attacks, and as warry, uting the renewal of my recommendation to Congress to take steps toward earrying out the plan sketched in my last report for the defence of New York, in particular, from such attempts. The appended

tion proposed may also economy. The post of manner with satisfactor

There is, in the presence of troops in Utah, and they necessity for the presence of troops in Utah, and they will be other wire disposed of in the coming season. There are no complaints of Indian hostilities towards the Mormon people. All other territories and people upon our vast fronters suffer from Indian depredations, but the Mormon people enjoy an immunity from all their outrages. For the protection of these people against Indians there is no necessity for the presence of a single soldier. Murders and robberies of the most attrocious character have been perpetrated in the Territory upon emigrans from the States journeying towards the Pacific, and in success and Indians. The cites of the most attrocious character have been able to ascertain it, amongst those having opportunity to know, is that these nurders are the work of the Mormon people themselves, sanctioned, if not directed, by the authority of the Mormon church.

I cannot commend in terms too high the wise prudence and officerlike conduct of the General commanding the army in Utah. The discipline of his command is admirable, and its efficiency is unsurpassed. Much has been done through the army under command of deneral Johnsten, towards improving the roots in Utah. The discipline of his command is admirable, and its efficiency is unsurpassed. Much has been done through the army under command of deneral Johnsten, towards improving the roots in Utah. The discipline of his command is admirable, and its efficiency is unsurpassed. Much has been done through the army under command of deneral Johnsten, towards improving the roots in Utah. The discipline of his command is admirable, and its efficiency is unsurpassed. Much has been done through the past season, explored and opened two his his past to the public a fuller know. The public and the past season, explored and opened two which his about 200 miles shorter than the old emigrant vith large hord of the Humbold river, and far bester for grass, swood and water. Over both these routes have a decident of th

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Almy; Water Witch, Lieutenant Commanding W. H. Macomb; the revenue steamer Harriet Lane, Captain John Faunca, and the armed storeships Supply, Lieutenant formmanding F. Stanly, and Release, Lieutenant Commanding F. Stanly, and Release, Lieutenant Commissioner to Release and Release (Manuschied). The Release of the expedition already there. On the 30th of the same month Mr. Bowlin and Plag Officer Shubrick left, Montevideo, with the stanlength of Legislator of January arrived with them at seuccion, the capital of Faraguay. On the 10th of February the commissioner took formal leave of the President of Paraguay, having fully accomplished the objects of his musion. The relations of the two countries having been recorded and placed upon the most cordial footing, a new commercial treaty and a special convention having been recorded and placed upon the most cordial footing, a new commercial treaty and a special convention having been recorded and placed upon the most cordial footing, and the fact of the capedition and capable of ascending the river, excepting two of the least importance, were above Rosario in time to have acted in case of necessity. The Fullon, Water Witch, Harriet Lane, Atalanta, Westernport, Memphis, Caldonia, Southern Star, Freble, Dolphin, Perry, Bainbridge, Release, Supply, and the Argentina, Carrying 1,740 men, exclusive of commanding officers, and Ts guns, lucidang 23 sinch shell guns, and one 11 inch shell gun, had over come the currents, shoal, sand bray, and other property of the control of the property of the french of the Africa, and the

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about twenty-five miles east of Fort Pickens, in Fordar.

No lives were lost; most of the public property on board
was saved, and by the untiring industry and energy of
those connected with the navy yard at Pensacola, assisted by her efficers and crew, she was again put allost and
taken to Pensacola, where she still remains. The department ordered a court of inquiry; and, upon the facts
reported by it, deemed no further proceedings to be necessary.

The Pacific Squadron has been commanded by Flag Officors Long and Montgomery. The former was detached,
and the inter succeeded him in August. The steam frgate Merrimac, Commander R. B. Hitchcock; the steamer
Saranse, Capt. R. Ritchie; the sloops-of-war St. Mary's,
Commander W. D. Porter; Levant, Commander
K. Hunt; Vaneslia, Commander A. Sinclair; Decatur, Commander H. K. Thatcher; Cyane, Commander S. Lockwood; the steamship Lancaster, Captain J. Rudd, and the storeship Warren, Lieutenant J. J. Boyle, have been attached to the squadron.
The steam sloop Wyoming, Commander J. K. Mitchell,
has received her orders and is on her way to join it. The
steam sloop Narragansett, Commander T. A. Hunt, is in
commassion and will soon follow them. The Merrimac
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